

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

SHELIA THOMPSON, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 v. ) No. 4:06-CV-1414-TIA  
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 AMERISTAR CASINO ST. CHARLES, INC., )  
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 Defendant. )

ORDER AND MEMORANDUM

This matter is before the Court upon the application of Shelia Thompson for leave to commence this action without payment of the required filing fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). Plaintiff has submitted a partially completed financial affidavit CJA Form 23 [Doc. #3] in support of her application for in forma pauperis status. See Local Rule 2.05(A). Specifically, plaintiff has failed to answer whether she has any cash on hand or money in a savings or checking account, and if so, the total amounts thereof. As such, the Court is unable to determine, at this time, whether plaintiff is financially unable to pay the filing fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), Local Rule 2.05(A).

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, in addition to a copy of this Order, the Clerk of Court shall provide plaintiff with CJA Form 23 (financial affidavit).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that plaintiff shall have twenty

(20) days from the date of this Order to pay the statutory filing fee of \$350.00, or to submit a fully completed CJA Form 23 (financial affidavit).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Court will dismiss this case, without prejudice, if, within twenty (20) days, plaintiff fails to pay the filing fee or to submit a fully completed CJA Form 23.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if plaintiff complies with this Order, the Clerk of Court shall cause this case to be resubmitted to the undersigned for review under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), (d).<sup>1</sup>

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.

/s/ Terry I. Adelman  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup>The Court notes that if plaintiff pays the filing fee, she will be responsible for serving the summons and the complaint upon the defendant. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(d). Service must be made within 120 days of the filing of the complaint (in the instant case, within 120 days of the payment of the filing fee). See Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).